

PATENT**REMARKS**

Claim 12 is pending.

In the above amendments, claim 12 has been amended, and claims 1-11 and 13-40 have been canceled without prejudice.

In the Final Office Action, the Examiner rejected claims 29-31 and 35 under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over Felix in view of Hluchyj, rejected claims 1, 3, 9-11, 18, 20-22, 24, 26-28, 32, 34, and 36-39 under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over Kumar in view of Hluchyj, allowed claims 2 and 13-17, and objected to claims 12, 23, and 25 as reciting allowable subject matter.

In response, claim 12 has been placed into independent form as suggested by the Examiner, and the remaining claims have now been canceled.

PATENT**REQUEST FOR ALLOWANCE**

In view of the foregoing, Applicants submit that all pending claims in the application are patentable. Accordingly, reconsideration and allowance of this application are earnestly solicited. Should any issues remain unresolved, the Examiner is encouraged to telephone the undersigned at the number provided below.

Respectfully submitted,

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